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Absentee Voting  
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*There are only thirty days until U.S. general election on Tuesday, November 4, 2010. All voters have at least one option for getting a blank ballot electronically at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).*

Voting for overseas citizens is easier now than ever before. **More than half the States post absentee ballots online** for overseas voters. Additionally, voters from all 55 states and territories can use the online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot to vote for all federal candidates found at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). Specific requirements for each state vary, so look for your state in the list below.

The online Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot automated assistant, on the FVAP website, allows voters to access and mark an online ballot for federal elections. This is a back-up ballot if the voter does not receive their regular State absentee ballot. Using this ballot the voter can select their candidates online, print the ballot with the choices printed out on the ballot, sign the oath and return the ballot package by whatever means is allowed by the state (mail, email, fax or online system). The automated assistant provides voters a complete federal ballot specific by Congressional district with all instructions necessary to return the ballot to the election office.

Voters still have time to review, mark, and return their ballot by the State deadlines. Living away from home means it takes longer for ballots to get to and from voters. Research shows late delivery of ballots is a leading reason why absentee ballots are not counted. Using these automated, online systems which provide early ballot availability means voters can have their ballot in time to vote and return it before the election.

All voting materials, including state ballots can be sent to the United States by diplomatic pouch from the Consulate. Several states now have electronic return options; consult the [state specific instructions](#) for options available to specific voters. Ballots sent by diplomatic pouch will be date-stamped and marked with post's wet seal as evidence that the ballot was mailed from an overseas location. Voters can also hire private courier companies to return their ballots. FedEx is offering discounted shipping for last-minute voters in 89 countries through the Express Your Vote program <https://www.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/ExpressYourVote.htm>.

For more information, visit the Federal Voters Assistance Program at: [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact Consulate or Embassy nearest you. You can reach us at Consulate General Hermosillo at 662 289 3500; fax 662-217-2571; or by e-mail at [hermoacs@state.gov](mailto:hermoacs@state.gov).

The following state websites allow voters to either mark their state ballot online or print a blank ballot for marking. These sites are accessible through [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) where the voter is directed to the options available to them based on their voting residence zip code.

### **Alabama**

- Alabama offers a state system which facilitates the use of the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot at [https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/AL\\_login.action](https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/AL_login.action). Voters must return the ballot by mail.

### **Arizona**

- Arizona offers a state system which allows ballot delivery to the voter and return of the voted ballot to the election official at <https://www.azsos.gov/election/military/default.aspx>. Voters are allowed to return voted ballots to local election officials via mail, email, fax or uploaded through the state system.

### **Colorado**

- Two counties have sites which allow the voter to access the ballot for marking and printing. The state-specific link for Weld County: <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>. Absentee voters must return ballots to local election officials by mail or fax.

### **Delaware**

- Delaware offers a state system at <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>. Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot via mail, email or fax.

### **Georgia**

- Georgia offers registered voters who requested electronic delivery of the ballot a system to access the ballot online at <http://www.sos.georgia.gov/MVP/Login.aspx>. Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

### **Idaho**

- Idaho offers a state system at <https://move.liveballot.com/uocava/default.aspx>. In certain emergency situations, Idaho may allow you to return your voted ballot by email or fax. All other voted ballots must be returned by mail.

### **Illinois**

- Illinois offers a state system at <https://move.elections.il.gov>. Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

### **Kentucky**

- Kentucky has a state system at <https://kentucky.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>. Voted ballots must be returned by mail.

**Maine**

- Maine allows voters to access the ballot at <http://www.maine.gov/cgibin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>. In certain emergency or combat situations, voter may submit the voted ballot by fax or as an attachment by email. All other voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

**Maryland**

- Maryland offers registered voters who requested electronic delivery of the ballot a system to access the ballot at <http://www.mdelections.org/>. Voters must return ballots by mail.

**Minnesota**

- Minnesota offers voters a state system at <https://minnesota.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>. Voters must return voted ballots by mail.

**Mississippi**

- A state wide system is available at [www.secureballotusa.com](http://www.secureballotusa.com). Voters may return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

**Montana**

- Montana has state system at <https://vote4montana.us/Register.aspx>. Voters may return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

**Nebraska**

- The Nebraska state link is [https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/NE\\_login.action](https://www.secureballotusa.com/diaspora/NE_login.action). Voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

**Nevada**

- The following counties are participating: Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, and White Pine at <https://vote4nevada.us/BallotRequest/Register.aspx>. Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

**New York**

- New York system at [https://secureballotusa.com/diaspora\\_ny/NY\\_login.action](https://secureballotusa.com/diaspora_ny/NY_login.action). Voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

**Pennsylvania**

- Pennsylvania offers a state system which allows voters to access the blank and return ballot at <https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/Login.aspx>. Voters must return the voted ballot by mail.

**Rhode Island**

- Rhode Island offers voters a system to access the ballot at <http://www.sos.ri.gov/vic>. Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

**Texas**

- Texas offers a state system which allows online ballot marking and printing by the voter for federal election only at <https://texas.overseasvotefoundation.org/overseas/home.htm>. Completed ballots must be returned by mail

**Utah**

- Participating counties are: Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Kane, Salt Lake, Sanpete, Summit, Tooele, Washington, and Weber at <https://utah.everyonecounts.com>. Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot by mail, email or fax.

**West Virginia**

- West Virginia has a pilot program that allows voters to request a ballot and return of the voted ballot to the election official online. The counties participating are Jackson, Kanawha, Marshall, Mason, Monongalia, Monroe, Putnam, and Wood at <http://www.sos.wv.gov/elections/voter-information-center/Pages/WVUniformedServicesandOverseasCitizensOnlineVotingPilotProject.aspx>. Voters are allowed to return the voted ballot via mail, email, and fax.